

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. In the office action dated December 2, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5. Claims 2-4 and 6-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


In this amendment, claims 2 and 6 have been amended to include the subject matter of the rejected base claims.

With respect to the specification, the incorporation by reference is to the priority document, which is considered good practice. As such it is believed that all essential material is already present.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, the Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0180).

Respectfully submitted,

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